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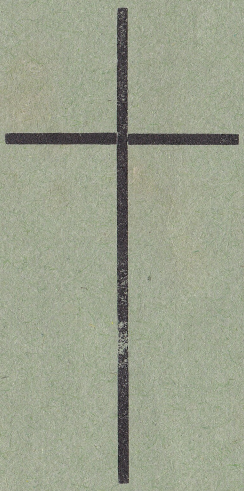

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Dear Friends,

Do we- Don't we- The decision whether we go in, or stay out of the United Reformed Church rests with us all this month. We've all had the opportunity to learn and digest the facts. The meeting in September at which the Rev. R. Parker spoke was well attended by both churches. As much time as is necessary for a decision to be reached will be given at the respective meetings at the end of October, but we hope that we will not have to start explaining the ABC of the basis of union. Please try to come to these meetings informed.

The actual church meetings:-
Monday 25th October 1971.... at 7.45 - LITTLEBOROUGH
Wednesday 27th October 1971..at 8.00 - MILNROW
are sufficiently close together for one vote not to influence the other. We must also make plain that the decision to join the United Reformed Church can only be made by those church members who are present and voting. There is no provision by which absent members may vote. A 75% in favour is needed at both meetings for the matter to go through. This is one of the most consequential matters which we have ever had to discuss in our pastorate and we hope that people will take it with due seriousness and excercise their Christian responsibility in this issue.

In the end, everything comes down to the local church in whatever organisation is adopted. If the Church at it's grass roots ceases to function and perform it's God given task, then no 'tidy' organisation at other levels will automatically inject a will to live. One of the things which we can and must do in our churches is to give each other a lot more encouragement. New programmes and plans for outreach need the enthusiastic support of everyone. There will always be those who sit on the fence and wait for something to go wrong. If we were all of this nature nothing now would ever be accomplished.

Let us be thankful at the beginning of this winter session that our congregations are growing in Spirit and love, that we are doing our best to imprint on a world of change something that is eternal, and that we are witnessing our churches' involvement in society. It is Christ's work we are doing: let us give each other the heart to do it. To quote the apostle Paul,

"You must live at peace among yourselves. Be always joyful: pray continually: give thanks whatever happens: for this is what God in Christ wills for you."

Yours sincerely,

Glyn Jenkins

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IN EMORIAM

HORACE M. HOLT of 5 Laneside Close, Littleborough passed away Sept. 14th, age 66 years. The funeral was held on Sept. 17th, our minister officiating. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Holt and the family.

FRED LAWTON TRAVIS, 21 Harbour Lane, Milnrow on Sept. 14th, age 70 years. Funeral Sept. 17th, our minister officating.
Our sympathy goes to Mrs. A. Travis and family.

BERTHA CROSS, 14 Ellenroad Street, Newhey, on Sept. 18th, age 86 years. Funeral on Sept. 24th, conducted by Revd. J. Halfpenny.
Our sympathy goes to the family.

Our minister also conducted the funerals of the following:
EDITH KENWORTHY, 3 Clegg Street, Milnrow.
EDNA TWORTH, 10 Major Street, Milnrow.
QWEN JONES, 319 Hill Top Drive, Kirkholt.
ETHEL SHAW, 185 Huddersfield Road, Newhey.
RUPERT HENRY SHEPHERD, 96 Newhey Road, Milnrow.
Our sympathy to all who are bereaved.

We were all sorry to hear of the passing of the Rev. J.G. MILLWARD of Norden, on Friday 17th Sept. Mr. Millward served the Rochdale churches loyally, and we will all miss his inspired preaching and leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

LYNDA CALOW and STEVEN MEREDITH
on their marriage on September 4th at St.Stephen's.

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Mr. & Mrs. A. BAMFORD, 13 Birch Crescent, Newhey,
on the birth of a daughter, Melinda.

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Mr. & Mrs. J. WHATMOUGH, 40 Ashworth St. Rochdale,
on the birth of a son.

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Mrs. A. ROTHWELL, Mrs. A. KENYON, Mrs. C. WILKINSON,
and Mrs. I.K. BRADBURY,
on being received into St. Stephen's as church
members.

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THE FAMILY CHURCH COURSE FOR OCTOBER

GOD AND THE WORLD HE HAS MADE:

Divided in the departments as follows:

Beginners:	Delight in our growing powers
Primary:	We find out about ourselves
Juniors:	We are growing up
Seniors:	Growing toward God
Young People:	Man comes of age
Adults:	A technological Age

Readings:

Oct.10th:	Psalm 62: 1-2, 5-8, 10-12.
17th	Matt. 16: 1-4, Matt.22: 15-22.
24th	Romasn 12: 1 -11.
31st	Gen. 2: 4, 7-8, 18-24.

We encourage people to look at these readings with their families before they come each week. If you are housebound or unable to come, why not feel part of our worship by reading these verses?

Say Yes to joining the.....

M I C H A E L M A S M A R K E T

Yes folks it's Michaelmas Market time again at Milnrow.

BANG. The Catering Committee have arranged a WHIST DRIVE for SATURDAY 9th October at 2.30 p.m.

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BANG BANG.. They have arranged another one for the following week, 16th October, also at 2.30 p.m. In both cases admission 15p and refreshments will be served.

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BANG BANG BANG.. A three in one evening has also been arranged by them for Wednesday 13th October. Coffee Evening plus Bring & Buy, plus TOY PREVIEW at 7.30 p.m. Admission 5p.

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BANG BANG BANG BANG.....The big day is..... 13th November - M.M. Day....Not to be missed.

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.....and by the way, to be serious for a moment, if you wish to help on stalls etc., will you please sign the list in the church porch, indicating which stall you prefer to help on.

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The M.M. Board of Directors will be meeting in the church on Monday, 18th October at 7.30 p.m.

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A MUSICAL EVENING by the SALVATION ARMY BAND & CHOIR

Wednesday, 20th October at 7.30 pm.
In Milton Congregational Church
Tickets 10p (inc. refreshments) available at both Churches. Children 5p, pay at the door.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Due to my being on holiday, last month's edition of the "Messenger" was in fact edited by Mrs. Dorothy Emmott. I would like to thank her for helping me out in this matter and, since the opportunity presents itself, I would like to record my appreciation of the work she does generally for this magazine.

It is generally known that she looks after the duplicating side of things but few people realise that she also acts as progress chaser and editorial advisor. As progress chaser she makes my life a misery for several days each month end in order that you might get your magazine by a reasonable time. As editorial advisor she makes tactful deletions and additions in order to prevent me upsetting people. With assistants like that who needs a boss? Thank you Dorothy and thanks also to all those others who help each month in submitting items, duplicating and selling.

You will have noticed that this month's edition is shorter than usual. This is simply due to the fact that we have had a quiet month in church activities. Next month looks like being much busier so I would ask as many as possible to help us to produce a bumper edition of the "Messenger."

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Last summer our local vicar placed a sign under his heavily laden apple tree which read: "For the Harvest Festival."

Next morning, he found to his astonishment that the apples had gone, and that neatly printed at the foot of his notice were the words: "All is safely gathered in."

G.W. Kinghorn.

IT'S COFFEE TIME AT LITTLEBOROUGH

There have been two successful fund raising coffee evenings this month. One was held instead of the usual Ladies' Guild meeting and was combined with a Bring & Buy Sale which included a home made cake stall. Mr. J. Lord opened the proceedings and Mrs. K. Hill acted as chairman in this event which raised £9.55.

The other coffee evening was held on September 15th to raise money to buy cups! That is not quite as daft as it sounds at first because the cups are required for the masses of people who are expected to turn up to the Autumn Fair. This evening was combined with a slide show with pictures of the Whit Precessions, Scripture exam prize winners, Festival Services and Family Church Picnics. £4.50 was raised.

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
And also something to digest,
Give me a healthy body, Lord,
With sense to keep it at its best.
Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
To keep the pure and good in sight,
Which, seeing Sin, is not appalled,
But finds a way to set it right.
Give me a mind that is not bored,
That does not whimper, whine or sigh.
Don't let me worry over much
About the fussy things called "I".
Give me s sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke;
To get some happiness in life,
And pass it on to other folk.

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IT'S ALL HAPPENING AT LITTLEBOROUGH NOW

ESME'S "AT HOME"

"Busy Bees" are asked to swarm to Esme's Hive on Sale Street at 8.0 p.m. on 5th October.

HAVE A SORT OUT NOW

.....for the Ladies Guild Jumble Sale on Friday 15th October.

Goods will be gratefully received in the schoolroom on the Thursday evening.

MORE COFFEE

This time a Coffee Evening and Bring & Buy Sale in aid of the Tea Room on Tuesday, 19th October at 7.0 p.m. Admission 5p

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday, 23rd October 7.30 p.m.

WHIST BEETLE DRIVE

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AN IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETING

MONDAY 25th OCTOBER 7.45 pm.

Be sure to attend and use your vote.

FAMILY WORSHIP DOOR STEWARDS

Oct.	3rd	FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	
	10th	Mr. J. Collins	Mrs. A. Collins
	17th	Mr. W. Holland	Mr. A. Bruckshaw
	24th	Mr. G. Buckley	Mr. A. Rae
	31st	Mr. L. Whittaker	Mrs. F. Rae
Nov.	7th	Mrs. F. Whitworth	Mrs. J. Duffy

DEACONS ROTA			PIANIST
		EVENING DOOR STEWARDS	EVENING WORSHIP
Oct.	3rd	FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY	
	10th	Mr. G. Whitworth Mr. K. Hey	Mrs. E. Starkie
	17th	Mrs. N. Settle Mrs. A. Whitworth	Mr. J. Emmott
	24th	Mrs. E. Gillon Miss M. Wood	Mrs. C. Hey
	31st	Mr. B. Clough Mrs. E. Starkie	Mr. D. Logan
Nov.	7th	Mrs. A. Wilson Mr. H. Whitehead	Mrs. E. Starkie

COMMUNION ROTA

Oct.	3rd	Mr. G. Whitworth	Mrs. E. Gillon (8.30 am.)
Nov.	7th	Mrs. N. Settle	Mrs. A. Whitworth

FAMILY CHURCH COFFEE ROTA

Oct.	3rd	Mrs. C. Hey	Mrs. D. Hey
	10th	Mrs. H. Whitehead	Mrs. Greenhalgh
	17th	Mrs. J. Cudworth	Mrs. A. Roberts
	24th	Mrs. C. Clough	Mrs. P. Royle
	31st	Mrs. E. Busill	Miss I. Tither
Nov.	7th	Mrs. Prestwich	Mrs. J. Kay

Persons unable to take their appointments as listed are expected to find a suitable substitute.

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MILNROW DIARY

October

Sun. 3rd		FAMILY CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
		Revd. Brian Rawling of Cleveleys
	8.30 am.	Communion
	11.00 am.	Family Pageant
	6.00 pm.	Evening Thanksgiving
Mon. 4th	and each Monday:	Pilots 6.30 p.m.
Tues. 5th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild- Delicatessen Demo.
Wed. 6th	7.30 pm.	" " Autumnal Rally
		(Bury & R'dale Dist.at Milnrow).
Sat. 9th	2.30 pm.	Whist Drive
Sun. 10th	11.00 am.	Mr. A. Roberts
	6.00 pm.	Mr. D.S. Nuttall
Wed. 13th	7.30 pm.	Deacons Meeting
	7.30 pm.	Coffee Evening & Toy Preview
Fri 15th	7.30 pm.	Finance Committee
Sat. 16th	2.30 pm.	Whist Drive
Sun. 17th	11.00 am.	Revd. G. Jenkins -Pilot Enrolment
	6.00 pm.	"
Mon. 18th	7.30 pm.	M.M. Committee
Wed. 20th	7.30 pm.	Rochdale Local Group (See page 5)
		Salvation Army Concert-Milton
Sun. 24th	11.00 am.	To be announced
	6.00 pm.	Revd. G. Jenkins
Wed. 27th	8.00 pm.	SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING
		PROPOSED BASIS FOR UNION
Sun. 31st	11.00 am.	Mr. J.M. Farraday
	6.00 pm.	To be announced

November

Tues. 2nd	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild - Mr. C.Connelly

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Oct. 3rd	Mrs. D. Hey	Mrs. E. Scholes
10th	Mrs. D. Emmott	
17th	Mrs. Fallon	Mrs. A. Wilson
24th	Mrs. A. Travis	
31st	Mrs. Brown	
Nov. 7th	Miss A. Memory	

October

Sun. 3rd	10.30 am.	Lay Preacher
Tues. 5th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild
	8.00 pm.	Busy Bees 'At Home' (Sale St.)
Wed. 6th	7.30 pm.	Women's Guild - Autumnal Rally Bury & Rochdale Dist. at Milnrow.
Thur. 7th	6.30 pm.	Pilots (Opening Night)
Sun. 10th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
	6.00 pm.	" (Communion)
Thur. 14th	6.30 pm.	Pilots
Fri. 15th		Jumble Sale (Women's Guild)
Sun. 17th	10.30 am.	Counc. W. Edwards J.P.
Tues. 19th	7.00 pm.	Coffee Evening -Bring & Buy
Wed. 20th	7.30 pm.	Rochdale Local Group Concert by Salvation Army (Milton)
Thur. 21st	6.30 pm.	Pilots
Sat. 23rd	7.30 pm.	Halloween Party
Sun. 24th	10.30 am.	Rev. G. Jenkins
Mon. 25th	7.45 pm.	Special Church Meeting - Proposed Basis for Union.
Thur. 28th	6.30 pm.	Pilots
	7.45 pm.	Men's Fellowship - Mr. R. Moor "Education in Primary Schools"
Sun. 31st	10.30 am.	Lay Preacher

November

Mon. 1st	7.30 pm.	Teachers Meeting

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COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

Oct. 3rd	Mrs. Lightfoot
10th	Mrs. Nairn
17th	Mrs. Stott
24th	Mrs. E. Tattersall
31st	Mrs. Greenwood
Nov. 7th	Mrs. Walls

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SIDESMEN

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	10th	Mr. Nairn	Mr. Booth	10.30 am.
		Mr. Holt	Mr. Simpson	6.00 pm.
	17th	Mr. H. Hill	Mr. Beattie	
	24th	Mr. Ingham	Mr. Booth	
	31st	Mr. Barker	Mr. Nairn	
Nov.	7th	Mr. Booth	Mr. H. Hill	

DEACONS COMMUNION ROTA

Oct.	10th	Mr. Barker	Mrs. Beattie	6.0 p.m.
Nov.	14th	Mr. Beattie	Mr. Nairn	6.0 p.m.

CRECHE ROTA

Oct.	3rd	Mrs. E. Crawford
	10th	Mrs. D. Mallinson
	17th	Mrs. A. Merrick
	24th	Mrs. S. Moss
	31st	Mrs. B. Leach
Nov.	7th	Mrs. J. Hobbs

COFFEE ROTA

Oct.	3rd	D. Mallinson	P. Lightfoot
	10th	J. Law	A. Tomlinson
	17th	E. Booth	J. Simpson
	24th	K. Hill	A. Merrick
	31st	J. Hobbs	J. Horridge
Nov.	7th	S. Moss	B. Hartley

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FAMILY CHURCH READINGS

Oct.	3rd	"Growing towards God"	
		Acts 2: 25-28	Martin Law
	10th	"Trust in God"	
		Luke 12: 22-31	Mrs. P. Lightfoot
	17th	"Think for yourself"	
		Matt.16: 1-4	Esther Bennet
	24th	"Living for God"	
		Romans 12: 1-11	Steven Moss
	31st	"Family Relationships"	
		Matt.5: 23-24; 6: 9-15	Mrs. K. Hill

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